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Riva Soap and Glycerine Plant

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1. [redacted] Prior to 1938, the Riva GmbH, Vienna II, Handelskai 388, was engaged in the production of toilet articles and soap. At the time, the company was operated under the name of Fleischhauer AG [redacted]

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2. In 1938, the firm was acquired for a very low price by Maurer und Wirts, Stollberg (sic); in 1946, it was taken over by USIVA; a certain Volinets was appointed director, and an Austrian by the name of Siegel was appointed Austrian Kommissarischer Verwalter.

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3. The firm's assets at the Deutsche Bank, Kärntnerstrasse 12, were confiscated by the Russians. The factory receives only sufficient funds to cover the bare cost of labor; any profits are immediately turned over to Gosbank.

4. Under an agreement drawn up at the time of seizure between the company and the Russians, USIVA is entitled to 12% of the production; in reality, the latter confiscates the entire production without giving the company any receipt.

5. Preparations are now being made to convert the factory from its current production of liquid soap to the production of glycerine.

6. Repairs and plant expansions are paid by the company. This is a device to drive the company more rapidly into debt, since

a. the plant expansions are ordered arbitrarily by the Russian controller:

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7. At present, the company employs only forty-five workers and seven clerical employees. Of these, approximately 75% belong to the Socialist Party, 25% to the People's Party; only two are members of the Communist Party.

8. The Russian controller grants no leave to the factory employees, except in cases of severe illness. On Russian orders, the workers' insurance of 40% of expenses incurred through illness will no longer be disbursed.

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